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*Inspection & Security*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director/Security

SUBJECT: Analysis of Anonymous Communications - *Analysis of*

1. As you are of course aware, this Agency is in receipt from time to time of anonymous communications of varying degrees of interest. Some are obviously the product of psychopaths; others indicate that they have been compiled by intelligent individuals and thus cannot be completely ignored.

2. The possibility exists that unfriendly intelligence services may be originating certain of these letters to their own ends: a) to serve as a channel for deception material; b) to dissipate the energies of the action services of this country by forcing them to take measures and conduct investigations of the information forwarded anonymously; c) to promulgate a constant war of nerves.

3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation have advised this Office that they maintain a continuing study of the anonymous communications received by them in an effort to identify and thus evaluate the information contained therein. They investigate from two standpoints, i.e., technical analysis of typewriting, handwriting, paper, etc., as well as a survey of the nature of the information forwarded. To date they have not been able to establish a pattern of deception or purpose, nor do they issue any periodic summaries on the results of their examinations.

4. This Office would appreciate being advised whether you also conduct such a continuing analysis or contemplate undertaking the project in coordination with other pertinent offices of this Agency. It is felt that such a study might produce valuable results and indicate certain counter-measures which could be profitably taken. We would be most interested in receiving the results of any such study and will be glad to furnish any assistance which might fall within the purview of this Office.

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**ABSTRACT**

Inquires whether I & S (like the FBI) maintains a constant study of anonymous communications. ADSO feels such study might yield valuable results and might suggest potentially valuable counter-measures.

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